

COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, MARCH 2, 1899.

The bark Cambridge arrived this morning, sixteen days from San Francisco, with freight and passengers to Walker & Allen.

The bark Comet arrived on the 11th.

We notice quite a decline in prices of sugar. There was a sale at auction on February 11th, by J. C. Merrill & Co., at which upwards of 4,000 bags were sold at following prices:—

Jas. Makro, \$12 10/100; Lihue, \$10 52/100; Pioneer Mills, \$12 05/100; Kalahele, \$11 65/100; East Maui, \$10 07/100; \$9 75; Waipaka, \$10 15; Koloa, \$10 17/100; \$9 75; Waikaloa, \$9 95/100; Metcalf, \$11 92/100; Lala, \$9 75/100; \$10 12.

The above rate enabled the trade to stock up freely, and compelled the refiners to lower their rate for Yellow C from 145 to 150. This decline was anticipated by many here, from the fact that our sugar was being pushed forward in large quantities, together with liberal receipts from other countries, at a time when trade was dull, and the demand for the country had not begun, and holders very anxious to realize, all tended to break down the price at least a month sooner than we expected.

The schooner Forest King is loading for Portland, and the Cambridge will return in the Hawaiian Packet Line to San Francisco.

The merchants are complaining bitterly of hard times, and, we should say, by street appearance, they have just cause; but the spring feet will be looking in upon us shortly, which we think will do something to revive trade. It is universally the case that the three first months of the year is our dull season with retailers, owing, in part, perhaps, to the fact that the taxes are paid about the end of the year, and leave those who are not diligently employed rather short of ready cash.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

ARRIVED.

Feb. 28—Sch. Warlock, from Molokai.
Feb. 28—Sch. Pater, from Kona.
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Feb. 28—Sch. Warlock, for Maui.
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PASSENGERS.

From SAN FRANCISCO, per Cambridge, March 2:—
Miss W. D. Berry, Mr. S. L. Low, W. B. Porter, D. Lang, H. M. W. Berry, H. D. Berry, A. Berry, J. Berry.

EXPORTS.

For Pangea Island per Honolulu March 2:
Brazil 4 1/2
Coffee 1 1/2
Cocoa 1 1/2
Flour 1 1/2
Hides 1 1/2
Rice 1 1/2
Sugar 1 1/2
Tobacco 1 1/2
Wool 1 1/2
Yarn 1 1/2

IMPORTS.

From SAN FRANCISCO per Cambridge March 2:
Almonds 12
Apples 12
Bananas 12
Beans 12
Bread 12
Butter 12
Canned fruit 12
Canned meat 12
Canned vegetables 12
Cattle 12
Clothing 12
Coffee 12
Cocoa 12
Flour 12
Hides 12
Rice 12
Sugar 12
Tobacco 12
Wool 12
Yarn 12

THE REV. J. W. ROGERS, of Memphis, who left the Episcopal for the Catholic Church, was one of the most "advanced" Ritualists in the United States and has for some little time been prominent in ecclesiastical matters in the South-west. His "church of the Blessed Virgin" was an organization without a building, service being held on Sunday in a public hall. Mr. Rogers recently called under the banner of the church for the introduction of ceremonies and observances which the latter believed formed to the teaching of the Episcopal Church.

On the French steamer which left the Bosphorus for Salonic, a short time since, was a party of 100 Albanians, and these gentry informed the captain that he was to call at Mount Athos, but proceed direct to Salonic. On his refusal, they drew pistols and knives, and threatened a general massacre if their wishes were not complied with. The captain in his turn got out of the boat, and threatened to pump hot water on them if they did not lay down their arms. A party then ensued, and several children here in the evening lay dead, and calling at Mount Athos.

WASH AND BE CLEAN.—Abernethy once said to a rich but dirty patient, who consulted him about an eruption: "Let your servant bring you three or four pairs of water, and put it into a washbasin; take off your clothes, get into it, and rub yourself well with soap, and a rough towel, and you'll recover."

WRONG SIDE OUT.—A Radical and a negro were talking politics one day, and Sambo getting the best of it, the white man broke out suddenly, saying: "What are you any way but a black nigger?" "Well," said Sambo, "I know I am black, but I don't make any difference for you as just as black as I am." "How do you make that out?" "Why, dat's jus as plain as day. I see black outside, and white inside; but you are a nigger turned inside outside out—you're white outside, but blacker dan de debil inside."

DURING some recent excavations at St. Germain, France, an urn was accidentally broken, exposing to view several thousand silver coins. Although bearing no date, the Greek inscriptions, intermixed with Latin, suggest that they were struck long before the commencement of the Christian era, when Macedonia was the centre of commerce, art, and civilization. The coins are in a wonderful state of preservation.

THERE was once a consul at—, who indicated his office hours by the legend on his door, "He from ten to one." An old ship captain, who kept coming for about a week without finding the consul, at last furiously wrote in the terms of a wager, under this legend, "Ten to one you're out."

Mr. S. is a very respectable young man, said a fashionable lady to Mr. B. "Certainly," said the latter, "to a Grand Jury."

A New Orleans gentleman calls the negro a "remnant of the dark ages."

LOCAL NEWS.

Phases of the Moon for March, 1899.

PREPARED BY CAPT. DANIEL SMITH.

1st, Last Quarter..... 7 12 P.M.
12th, New Moon..... 10 12 P.M.
20th, First Quarter..... 11 01 A.M.
28th, Full Moon..... 11 01 A.M.

HONOLULU MEAN TIME.

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LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

The bark Cambridge—17 days from San Francisco—arrived yesterday morning, with news up to the 13th of February. The *Camer* had arrived on the 12th of the same month. Our neighbors were so kind as to furnish us with files of late papers. The very latest telegrams are the following:

American News.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Joint Convention for the counting of the votes of the States for President, assembled to-day at 1 o'clock, in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Tilden, of Tennessee, objected to the counting of the vote of Louisiana, on the ground that there was no valid election in that State.

The Senate decided to count the vote of the State, by a vote of 51 yeas to 7 nays. The House made the same decision by a vote of 187 yeas to 65 nays.

Butler, of Massachusetts, objected to counting the vote of Georgia, on these grounds: That the vote of Georgia was not counted on the election day prescribed; that at the date of the election, the Georgia legislature was in session, and the Georgia constitution provided that the election in that State was fraudulent.

The Senate agreed to count the vote of Georgia by a vote of 31 yeas to 36 nays. The House refused to agree to the count, by a vote of 160 yeas to 41 yeas.

The Convention was adjourned to to-morrow.

Upon re-assembling, Senator Wade, President of the Senate, directed the tellers to proceed with the count. Butler objected, and great excitement and confusion ensued. Speaker Colfax threatened to order the arrest of members if order was not preserved.

Order being finally restored, the count was completed, and the result was as follows: As soon as the Senate had retired, Butler offered a resolution declaring that the act of the President of the Senate in counting the vote of the State of Georgia was a gross oppression and a palpable invasion of the rights of the House.

On the introduction and reading of this resolution, there was a scene of the wildest and most exciting character; many members claiming the floor, and falling to obtain recognition, indulging in severe and unparliamentary language, and in the confusion, Speaker Colfax threatened to order the arrest of members if order was not preserved.

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